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Subject: Connectivity report: SAB review of draft

I checked in with SAB staff to get clarification on the issues raised in today's conference call regarding the SAB review of the draft Connectivity report.

When the ad hoc panel completes the draft final peer review report, it is released for public comment and is submitted to the full SAB standing board. The board then completes what is called a quality review, evaluating mainly if the panel has done their job to address the charge questions. The board's evaluation leads to one or three outcomes: 1) Approve the peer review report; 2) Approve the peer review report with minor comment; 3) Return the peer review report to the ad hoc panel for major revision.

Outcome #1 results in the draft final peer review report quickly being made final and the report is transmitted to the administrator from the SAB board. Outcome #2 takes 2 to 4 weeks longer as the board and the panel needs to mutually resolve any minor issues. The ad hoc panel is responsible for addressing comments from the full SAB Board and making changes to the peer review report. Members of the public are not involved in this exchange and only the final peer review report is released.

Outcome #3 results in the development of another draft final report by the ad hoc review panel. That second draft final report is made available for public comment and needs to be evaluated again by the SAB board as part of a second quality review. Outcome #3 would add at least 3 to 6 months to the SAB review process. Note – this outcome rarely occurs.

Please let me know if this isn't clear – or if there are additional questions about the SAB peer review.

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